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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and the examination of the above-identified patent application on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 2, change "one of the claims 1 and 2" to --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 2, change "one of the claims 1 and 2" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 2, change "one of the claims 1 and 2" to --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 2, change "one of the claims 1 and 2" to --claim 1--.

Claim 8, line 2, change "one of the claims 1 and 2" to --claim 1--.